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In keeping with the customary library terminology at the end of the nineteenth century, the rare books which Lehigh University acquired for its newly-built Linderman Library were put into what was called the Treasure Room.

Those early rare acquisitions, added to the library collections in the 1870s and 1880s, are the subject of this Special Collections Flyer and an exhibition currently on view in the Bayer Galleria of Rare Books. The exhibition is part of the celebration of 125 years of libraries at Lehigh.

The several thousand books selected at the time were on a variety of topics; the ones on display, listed below, are some of the true jewels from that treasure room.

1. William Shakespeare. *Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories & Tragedies. Published According to the True Originall Copies.* London: Printed by I. Iaggard, and E.

Blount, 1623. The famous "first folio."

2. Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher. *Comedies and Tragedies.* London: Printed for Humphrey Robinson ... and Humphrey Moseley ... , 1647.

3. William Harvey. *Anatomical Exercitationes, Concerning the Generation of Living Creatures; to Which are Added Particular Discourses, of Births, and of Conceptions, &c.* London: Printed by J. Young for O. Pulleyn, 1653.

4. Bartolomé de las Casas. *Brevissima Relacion de la Destruycion de las Indias ... Impressa ... en ... Sevilla: En Casa de Sebastian Trugillo ... , 1552.*

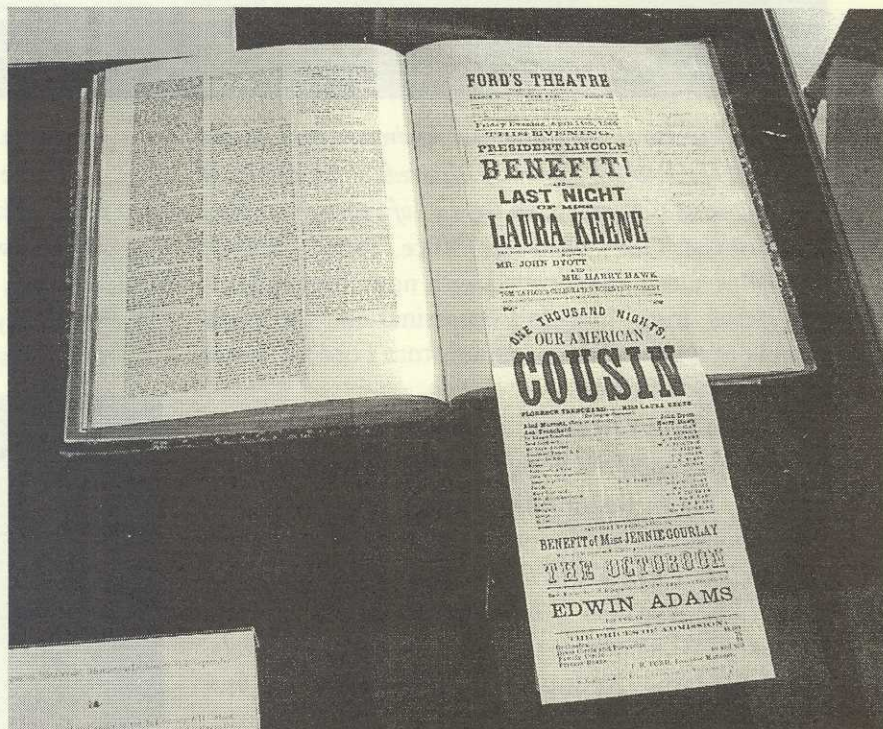
5. Ptolemy. *Cosmographia.* [Vincenciae]: [Hermanus Liechtenstein], 13 September 1475.

6. Nicolaus Copernicus. *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium Libri VI.* Norimbergae: Apud Ioh. Petreium, 1543.

7. *A Collection of all the Laws of the Province of Pennsylvania: Now in Force ...* Philadelphia: Printed and sold by B. Franklin, 1742.

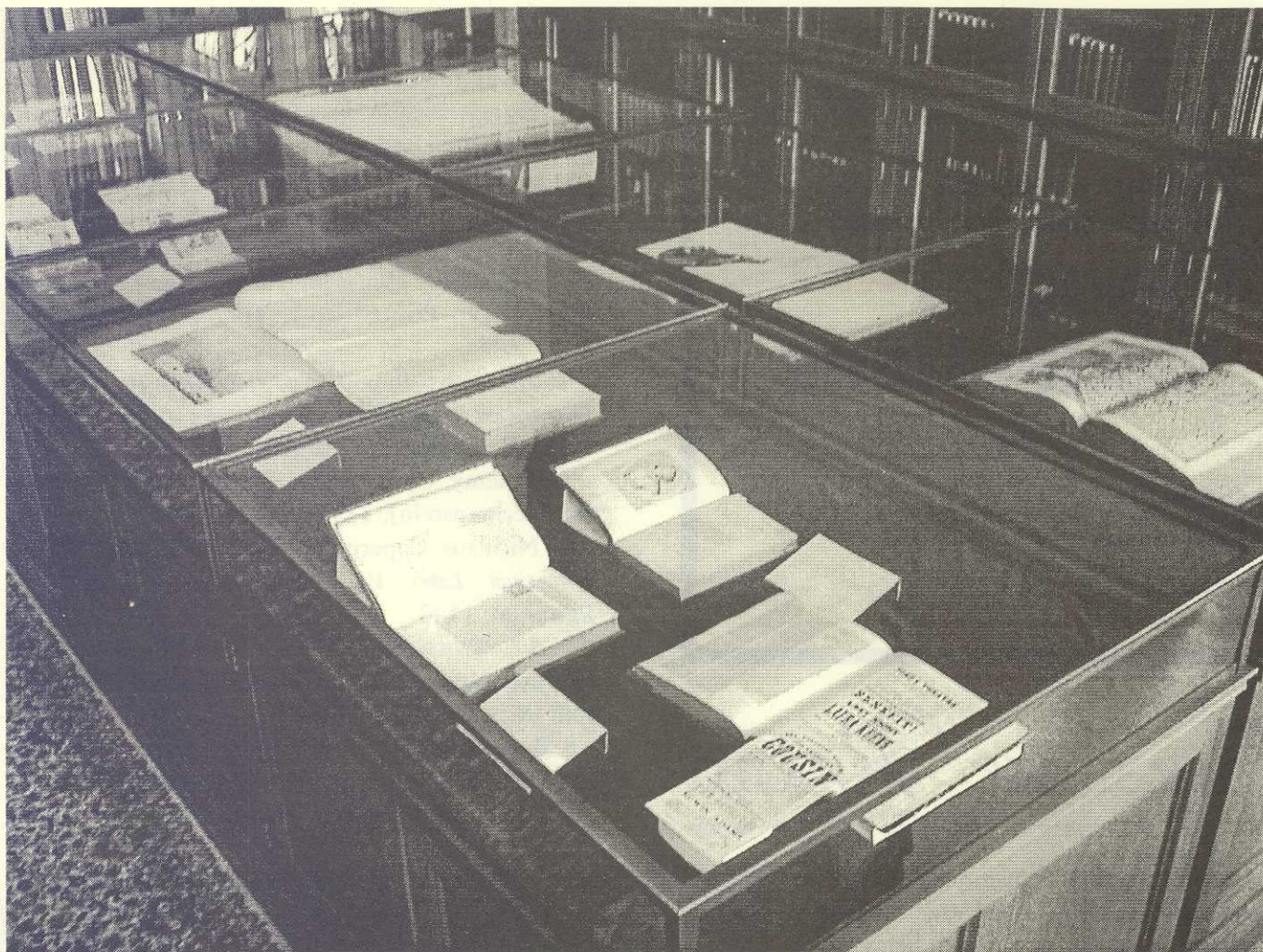
8. Book of Hours of Paris Use, in Latin. 15th century illuminated manuscript on vellum, probably French.

9. John Hawkesworth. *An Account of the Voyages*



Undertaken by the Order of His Present Majesty for Making Discoveries in the Southern Hemisphere ... London: Printed for W. Strahan and T. Cadell, 1773. 3 vols. From the set of volumes describing the first voyage of Capt. James Cook through the Pacific Ocean.

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10. George Bancroft. *Memorial Address on the Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln, Delivered, at the Request of Both Houses of Congress ... on the 12th of February, 1866*. Washington: Govt. Printing Office, 1866. Heavily extra-illustrated. Interleaved with numerous ephemeral items from Lincoln's assassination, the most notable of which is the program from Ford's Theater the night he was shot.

11. Abraham Ortelius. *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum ... ; The Theater of the Whole World ...* London: Iohn Norton, 1606. Beautifully hand-colored maps.

12. Thomas L. McKenney and James Hall. *History of the Indian Tribes of North America, with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs ...* Philadelphia: F. W. Greenough, [etc.], 1838-1844. 3 vols.

13. John James Audubon. *The Birds of America, from Drawings Made in the United States and their Territories*. New York: J.J. Audubon; Philadelphia, J.B. Chevalier, 1840-1844. 7 vols.

14. John James Audubon. *The Birds of America; from Original Drawings by John James Audubon ...* London, Published by the Author, 1827-1838. 4 vols. 435 plates. Volumes from both sets are open to the depiction of mockingbirds defending the nest from a

rattlesnake.

You're warmly invited to come up and take a look. The Bayer Galleria of Rare Books, located on the west end of the third floor of Linderman Library, is open to the public from 1-5 p.m. weekdays. At other times please call for an appointment: 610 758-5185.

